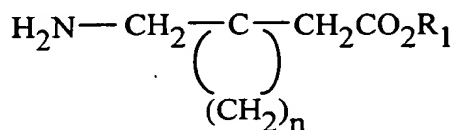


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for preventing and treating inflammatory diseases comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment an anti-inflammatory amount of a GABA analog.

2. A method according to Claim 1 employing a compound of Formula I



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or lower alkyl and n is an integer of from 4 to 6, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. The method according to Claim 2 employing gabapentin.

4. A method according to Claim 2 employing a compound of Formula I wherein the cyclic ring is substituted with one or two groups selected from methyl and ethyl.

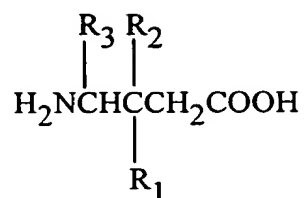
5. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3-methylcyclohexyl) acetic acid.

6. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3-methylcyclopentyl) acetic acid.

7. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethylcyclopentyl) acetic acid.

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8. A method according to Claim 1 employing a compound of Formula II



II

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a straight or branched alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,  
phenyl, or cycloalkyl of from 3 to 6 carbon atoms;

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or methyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, methyl, or carboxyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable  
salts thereof.

9. The method according to Claim 8 employing pregabalin.
10. The method according to Claim 8 employing R-(3)-(aminomethyl)-  
5-methyl-hexanoic acid.
11. The method according to Claim 8 employing 3-(1-aminoethyl)-5-  
methyl-hexanoic acid.

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